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Ref. a. EDNA-10058, 5 May 1954.
b. EDNA-11098, 19 May 1954, Attachment B

Forwarded as attachments are two [] reports giving incidental and miscellaneous information on local Czech emigre affairs, as reported to [] by Milosch SVOBODA, local representative of Gen. PRCHALA's Czech National Committee. In addition to sundry information about PRCHALA and CHRAK's refusals to join either element of the ASN for the time being, SVOBODA reports that Vladimir PEKELSKY is working for the OIS (undefined) for ID 5,000 per month. SVOBODA alleged that PEKELSKY's main contact is through his wife. No confirmation has been received by this office of this allegation, which smacks of a doctored denunciation. Attachment B, paragraph 2, reports that among the emigration chatterboxes, Michael MISCHAIKOW is linked to the disappearance of Jaroslav NOVAK. We can certify that there is no such connection (see Ref. B). SVOBODA here also briefly summarises the result of the Czech National Committee's investigation of NOVAK's disappearance, mentioned in Ref. B. Paragraph 5, Attachment B reports the foundation of a "Council of the Free Ruthenians" in Hamilton, Canada, under Vasile FEUDIMEC.

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Attachment A
SGMA 11557

20 May 1954

Subject : Czech Affairs
Date Received : 14 May 1954
Source :
Sub-Source : M. SVOBODA
Evaluation : B-3 *disregard eval! SS*

Sub-Source reports:

1. General Lev PRCHALA, leader of the Czech National Committee, LONDON, informed the ABN supreme board that he could not, and would not, accept his election to the ABN. The official reason is seen in the fact that the General in his capacity as president of a federative institution (Czech-Sudeten German Federative Committee) cannot assume a directing function in an extreme-nationalist organization. The ABN asked PRCHALA for a clarifying discussion to which the General agreed. It will take place during PRCHALA's next visit to MUNICH (presumably 6-8 June on the occasion of the Sudeten German Rally in MUNICH).
2. A second and unconfirmed version indicates the following: After the split of the ABN, the two groups of the organization are attempting to win for their purposes East-European politicians-in-exile who stand in good repute among German expellees. Thus, the STETZKO-group endeavors to win over General PRCHALA, whereas the GLASKOV-group tries to secure Minister M. CERHAK's participation. Since the German expellees, especially those from the CSA territory, are apprehensive of being thus involved in the ABN controversy, they expressed the desire to the two gentlemen that they, PRCHALA and CERHAK, keep out of the organization for the time being.
3. According to information from Sub-Source, Vladimír PEKELSKY receives DM 5,000 per month from a German intelligence agency (name was not divulged). PEKELSKY attempts, sometimes successfully, to sell brushed up information in the West (to Germans, Italians, the British and Americans). However, he did not succeed in securing political cooperation with the Sudeten German Landsmannschaft. Asked about PEKELSKY's actual supporters in GERMANY, Sub-Source said that Mr. PEKELSKY has excellent contacts, stemming from the time of the German occupation in PRAGUE, to former high-ranking leaders of the Gestapo, SS and SD, who, behind the scenes, now exert considerable influence on East-European questions in GERMANY. Sub-Source refused to give concrete data.

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4. The Czech politician R. KOPECKY, who lives in LONDON, works for the BBC and was elected president of the "Center of the Democratic Exile from the CSR" (PEKELSKY, CHUDORSA, etc.) in 1953 in BRUSSELS, is said to have been severely reprimanded by the BBC management because of this activity. Thereupon, KOPECKY supposedly severed his contacts with the Center.
5. The Slovak Jan DOLINSKY supposedly called on Sub-Source in repeated instances. DOLINSKY allegedly made him an offer for cooperation. He claimed to be in German employ and to gather military information from the CSR.

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the Germans. BONN government circles expect OSUSKY's visit in the near future. The expellees are said to have been instructed indirectly not to commit themselves for the time being. (That PRCHALA's settlement in GERMANY might be connected with this visit was neither confirmed nor denied.)

4. The opposition (the old council, RIPKA, ZENKEL, etc.) plans to send Colonel TRINKER, president of the "CSR Council in AMERICA", to EUROPE (chiefly to PARIS, contrary to OSUSKY's trip to BONN) in order to agitate on behalf of the opposition. (RIPKA, ZENKEL, etc. cannot come from the USA due to their interrogations before the JENNEM Senate Committee.) The controversy will now be fought on the level of the CSR emigration.
5. In HAMILTON, CANADA, a "Council of the Free Ruthenians" has been brought into existence. A certain Vasil PEDIMEC is said to be heading the organization. The foundation is believed to be due to CERNY's initiative since PEDIMEC calls himself an agrarian. It is felt that with this step CERNY wants to strengthen his (agrarian) influence on the new "Council of the Free CSR" (the Council of Free Ruthenians backs the new "Council of the Free CSR") and simultaneously attempt to split the Ukrainian national politics.

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Attachment B
EGMA 116-32

1 June 1954

Subject : Czech Affairs
Date Received : 20 May 1954
Source : []
Sub-Source : Milosch SVORODA
Evaluation : B-3

In a conversation with Source, SVORODA mentioned the following:

1. General Lev PRCHALA is expected to come to MUNICH in early June. This trip of the President of the Czech National Committee is associated with PRCHALA's decision to settle in GERMANY. His moving to GERMANY has supposedly been planned for some time since it has been recognized that East-European politics-in-exile can be performed successfully only either in the USA or in GERMANY. Nevertheless, the decision to move to GERMANY came suddenly in May. His friends in GERMANY do not know the reason for this hurry. SVORODA mentioned that the two Slovak leaders, M. CERNAK and F. MURCANSKY, feel disturbed by this fact since they anticipate a subsequent neglect of the Slovaks in relations with German expellee circles.
2. Regarding the disappearance of Jaroslav NOVAK, SVORODA reported the following: (1) It is claimed in East-European emigre circles that "the American agent KISCHAIKOW lured NOVAK into an American trap". (2) As far as the investigations of the Czech National Committee are concerned, they have been completed. SVORODA does not have any concrete facts but he supposes that "NOVAK went to the CSR on orders of certain Sudeten German circles interested in finance transactions from the CSR." The Czech National Committee, however, does not intend to issue a public denial of NOVAK's statement that he held membership in the Committee. SVORODA formulates the reason as follows: A denial would give rise to the surmise that NOVAK was a member of the Czech National Committee and that the latter now wants to alienate itself from him.
3. The struggle for the leadership of the new "Council of the Free CSR" in the USA between Dr. Stephan OSUSKY and Dr. Josef GRENY adopts a new shape. CERNY attempts to base out OSUSKY by appointing him to the Foreign Policy Committee of the "Council of the Free CSR" and sending him to GERMANY in this capacity, in order to negotiate with

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